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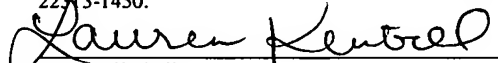
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Respectfully submitted,
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	BB	Sony Digital Videocassette Recorder DVW-A500/500 Maintenance Manual Part 1, 1 st Edition (Revised 3).
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